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In re Application of: Ooshima et al.

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Serial No. 09/885,871

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For: "Spin Valve Type Thin Film Magnetic Element"

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Examiner: Julie A. Watko

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AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in Reply to the Patent Office Action, mailed July 18, 2003 in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of claims 1 – 19 in view of the following claim amendments and remarks.

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Application No.09/885,871
Amendment dated October 7 2003
Reply to Office Action of August 4, 2003

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.